

PAID POLITICIANS, THOMPSON QUEST

Investigators Ask Names
of Lawyers on Transit
Lines' Payrolls.

RETURN FOR FAVORS, COMMITTEE IS TOLD

Inquiry Into "Community of Interest" Between Railway Companies Also Started.

Information that influential politicians, who are lawyers as well, are on the payrolls of transit companies of greater New York solely for the purpose of obtaining favors for their employers, has been filed with the Thompson committee.

To determine what truth there is in the charge, Senator George F. Thompson yesterday sent a letter to the Interborough, the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company and other lines, asking for the names of all lawyers employed by them, the amount of money paid them and the work performed by them. This applies not only to lawyers under special retainer, but those on a regular salary.

"Many of these men who are drawing thousands yearly from the transportation lines of New York City know as much about law as a woodpecker does about fishing," said one member of the Thompson committee. "Just what they are paid for, the committee would like to know."

When Senator Thompson was asked about the letter to the railroads he said:

"The committee merely wants to ascertain the facts. We would like to know what these lawyers who are employed by the roads receive for their services, and what those services consist of. We would like to divorce politics from all public utility corporations, and that is what we are going to try to do. And when we draft legislation we will bear in mind that we want these companies run on purely business lines, and not on political principles."

Senator Thompson said that in asking for the names of the officers, directors and others holding positions of trust in the various street railway companies the committee wanted to learn if any community of interest existed among the several lines.

This new line of investigation undertaken by Senator Thompson's committee promises to lead to sensational developments.

The committee held an executive session yesterday, at which read a letter from John B. Stanchfield, who has been retained as counsel by Robert Colgate Wood, offering to produce the ex-Commissioner at any time and place the committee named. A letter was immediately sent to Mr. Stanchfield naming 105 Broadway as the place, and the time Thursday morning next, at 11 o'clock.

George W. Aldridge, of Rochester, reported as the probable successor to Frank Irvine of the Interstate Public Service Commission, whose term expires February 1, was in the city yesterday, and denied that Governor Whitman had offered him the place.

SET FOR GASOLENE INQUIRY

U. S. Commission Will Hold Public Hearings on Price Increases.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Numerous complaints concerning the increase in gasoline prices have been forwarded to the commission appointed to investigate these prices by the Department of Justice. The investigation, it was announced to-day, would cover costs of reduction and handling from crude oil to retail prices of gasoline. The commission will also seek to determine if there has been violation of the Clayton act, prohibiting price discrimination. Public hearings, it was said, probably would be held.

Commissioner Harris and a corps of assistants, it became known to-day, have nearly concluded an investigation of complaints of price discrimination in gasoline in the South begun last summer.

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THESSALONIKI'S SKIPPER.



Captain John Goulandis, who threatened to kill wireless operator if he sent S O S call.

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with the facts. He paced the cabin nervously for a few moments, puffing furiously on a cigarette, then admitted that the wireless operator's story was true. He would not answer directly the questions about his threat on the operator's life.

Had Right to Use Gun.

"Under maritime law," was his only reply, "in time of trouble I have the right to use gun if necessary."

The captain said that he did not accept the story from the Stampaia when he stood by on December 22 because he hoped to make port unaided. The officers stated that the ship was making only five knots at that time and was already leaking. The captain praised the officers and crew for their gallant work.

For ten days before the Thessaloniki was abandoned her boiler rooms were awash. The firemen, told yesterday of their exposures, worked for hours in freezing water up to their waists. With every nerve exhausted by twenty-four hour watches they now and again fell asleep at their work, and awoke to find themselves being dragged out of the water by their companions. One stoker exhibited a badly blackened eye. He said that he appealed to the officers, Captain Goulandis included, to make him stand down without a murmur of protest at being unaided below.

Representative Dies thaws his way through his icy reception by a few straight from the shoulder facts showing that the navy of the United States is without compare ahead of every navy in the world except Great Britain's our coast defences, on which \$70,000,000 have been spent, and the best in the world, and the best in the world, in the four years; and we have, built or building, seventy-seven submarines to Germany's twelve, according to the best naval authorities.

"When the crew finally deserted for the Perugia, one of the lifeboats, with the chief engineer and thirty men, narrowly escaped being blown into the whirling propeller of the rescue ship. In their transfer they managed to save about thirty badly sunken bars of metal and some of the hand baggage left behind when the passengers went over to the Patria."

The chief engineer said that the sea-coast and port holes were opened before they left the Thessaloniki, and that she has probably sunk by this time.

Captain Mitchell of the Perugia was astonished by the apparently seaworthy appearance of the Thessaloniki when he reached her. He said a shortage of coal prevented him from taking the Greek ship in tow.

"A chance like that comes to a skipper only once in a lifetime," he said, "and, mournfully, 'and it certainly did make me feel bad to have to go off and leave her.'

The ninety members of the Thessaloniki's crew were taken on a special train to the Greek liner Patria, now docked at South Brooklyn.

HEART HUCKSTER AID OF CHARITY

Called Wares at Subway
Stations to Help Day
Nursery Fund.

MISS WALDO DEFIES STERN INTERBOROUGH

Arrested, Then Freed, She Tells
of Babies' Smiles That Re-
warded Contributions.

Selling hearts on subway stations is still defended by Miss Elinor Waldo, who says she is a cousin of ex-Police Commissioner Waldo, as a legitimate means of obtaining funds for charity.

Although Miss Waldo, who lives at 145 West Seventy-third Street, was arrested on Friday at the Wall Street station for rattling her tank and appealing to the generous, she recalled with pleasure how she had shivered on windy elevated platforms to assist in the maintenance of the Mothers' Day Nursery and Home for Destitute Children, at 35 East 120th Street. Miss Elizabeth Woods, of 201 West Eightieth Street, who was arrested with her, also defended the work.

Magistrate Harris suspended sentence, but warned the women not to thrust their collection boxes under his nose again. John S. Moulton, counsel for the Interborough, said in court that it had been shown that the Day Nursery sent out at least fifty young women to collect money. They received half of their collection, thus earning as high as \$35 a week. At the same time it was said that the institution supports only six or seven beds and that only one mattress was to be seen.

"It's surprising that they found even one mattress," said Miss Waldo at the hearing yesterday, "since the Board of Health forbids us to use any. The children must sleep on sint beds on washable blankets."

"You can see that this is not a fake institution."

Miss Waldo added that she never solicited or begged for funds, since she had always made it a point to say, "Won't you buy a heart?" In her short career as heart seller, which began before she was 18, she said that pennies and nickels and quarters were dropped into her room to prove that inmates were not lacking in making the nursery a real nursery.

"Commissioner Woods has given his approval and support to a vigorous campaign of police activity, following general warning of the community, and it is our intention to bring many cases to the magistrates' courts, beginning Wednesday, January 12,"

the commissioner's word said last night.

"Dr. Emerson and I have been in consultation for several days over the proper enforcement of the Sanitary Code," he said. "The Health and Police departments are in the fullest co-operation with my work, and I have directed the chief inspector to issue the necessary orders that will secure the essential support to the officers of the Health Department, particularly with regard to the enforcement of the anti-spitting clause."

The midwinter drive of the grip germs meanwhile continues to make headway, according to the Health Department reports for last week. There were eighty-seven cases from influenza, as compared with seventy-four the week before, and ten the corresponding week of last year. Deaths from acute bronchitis fell off one, but infant pneumonia claimed 222, as compared with 212 the previous week and 176 the corresponding week last year. Records show that not for year have the deaths from respiratory diseases been as numerous as in the week just past.

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to Foil Grip, Doctors Say

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